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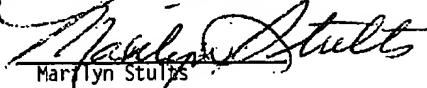
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- (1) Copy of a Japanese Official Action dated September 26,
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- (2) English translation of said Japanese Official Action
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- (3) Copies of the cited publications;

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Each of the cited publications is considered relevant or material to the patentability of the present invention in view of the citation thereof in said communication and for the reasons stated in said communication.

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